

SENATE BILL 2966

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 14, relative to appointment of counsel for
indigent criminal defendants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 40-14-202, is amended by deleting subsection (f) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

The clerk of the court shall collect all moneys paid by an accused pursuant to this section. When the accused fails to comply with the orders of the court, the clerk shall notify the court of the accused's failure to comply. At the conclusion of the proceedings in the trial court, the court shall order the clerk to pay to the Administrative Office of the Courts any funds that the clerk collected from the accused. The clerk of the court shall receive a commission of five percent (5%) of the moneys collected for the clerk's services in collecting, handling and making payment pursuant to the order of the court; provided, that in counties having a population of more than seven hundred thousand (700,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, the commission shall be ten percent (10%).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 40-14-202, is amended by deleting subsection (g) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.